

**Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils Meeting
Thursday, April 9, 2015 – 7.00 p.m.
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre**

Chair: G. Rodney

Vice-Chair: L. Davoli

Trustees: M. Pascucci

Superintendent: M. Mazzorato

Members Present: T. Cruz, Board Representative
M. O'Mahony – Principals/Vice-Principals Assoc. – Elementary Representative
G. Ogundele –Diocesan Representative
R. Quattro – OAPCE Representative
P. Olivieri – SEAC / CCCSC Liaison & Alternate for Mississauga North – Sec. Rep.
K. Foschia – Brampton East Caledon Dufferin Malton – Elementary Rep.
L. Fernandes – Brampton East Caledon Dufferin Malton – Secondary Alternate
M. Beaton- Brampton North East – Elementary Representative
G. Rodney – Brampton West – Elementary Representative
V. Kameka – Brampton West - Secondary Representative
P. Giansante – Mississauga East – Secondary Representative
L. Davoli – Mississauga North – Elementary Representative
L. Tedesco – Mississauga South – Elementary Representative

Regrets: T. Thomas, S. Xaviour, K Cespite, C. DiCarlo, M. Emery, S. Gos, L. Kostick,
P. MacDonald, J. Rodrigo

Recorder: C. Fernandes

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order

- G. Rodney called the meeting to order at 7.00 p.m.

2. Liturgy led by M. Mazzorato

3. Attendance

- Welcome and Declaration by CCCSC Representatives
- Declaration of Conflict of Interest – Nil
- Declaration of Alternatives by Family of Schools
 - P. Olivieri – Mississauga North – Secondary Alternate
 - L. Fernandes – Brampton East Caledon Dufferin Malton – Secondary Alternate
 - K. Magdangel – DRAPCE / OAPCE Alternate

- iv. Identification of Observers and Guests
 - J. Creighton – Chair - St. Thomas Aquinas S.S.
 - E. Pagas-Ferreira – Chair, Iona Catholic Secondary School
 - M. Reinsch – Co-Chair, St. Joseph Elementary
 - D. Vaz - Chair, St. Rose of Lima

4. Approval of the Agenda

- **Moved by K. Foschia and K. Mandangal**

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED

CARRIED

B. Presentation - Nil

C. Reports

1. *Trustee Report – M. Pascucci*

- The Ministry of Educations has standardized the methods of reporting graduating rates so that all boards are reporting based on common criteria. Dufferin-Peel’s graduation rates are one of the top rates with 86% graduating from the four year program and 92% graduating from the five year program. These rates surpass both the provincial average and that of our co-terminus Board whose rates were 77% and 85%. Trustee Pascucci thanked all staff for the outstanding work that goes on throughout the system.
- Catholic Education week will be held during the first week of May and there will be many events going on in the schools. This year’s theme is “Exploring Paths of Joy”.
- The 2015 – 2016 Budget will be brought before the Board in June. The Ministry recently released the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) and there are some issues to deal with in terms of the funding. The Board is making sure that the Ministry understands the impact that the lack of funding will have on what goes on in the classroom and at the schools.

2. *Superintendent’s Report – M. Mazzorato*

Catholic School Council Procedures Binder & Resources

- Over the past year, a lot of work has been undertaken to update Board Policy 4.01, Catholic Schools Councils, and the existing Catholic School Council Resource Binder to bring them in line with Ministry of Ontario Regulation 612 and with changes to General Administrative Procedures. The renamed Catholic School Council Procedures Binder & Resources has been posted on the CCCSC website. The binder was renamed as a procedural binder in order to ensure that it is a requirement for all Catholic Schools Councils to refer to the contents of the binder to support the functioning of the council.
- After Board Policy 4.01 was passed by the Board, G. Rodney and M. Mazzorato co-hosted two webinars for school administrators, Catholic School Council chairs/co-chairs and other interested parties. The response to the webinars was overwhelming with more than 80 participants logging on. A third webinar will be held on April 10, 2015 for parties who were unable to participate in the previous sessions. The webinars allows participants to seek clarification and get additional information around the procedural by-laws.

- Copies of the binder will no longer be printed for distribution to the schools as all sections of the binder has been created as interactive PDF documents with a table of contents that will take parties straight to the information they require. The electronic version of the binder will help reduce our carbon footprint and will make updates and changes to the binder accessible immediately. Schools have been requested to print copies of the Procedural By-Laws template once it has been developed and approved and ensure that every member of the Catholic School Council receives a copy.
- All Catholic School Councils are required to have their By-Laws template completed by the end of June 2015, as decisions will have to be made before elections are held in September 2015, with regard to the number of parent members that will serve on the council and whether to elect a chair or co-chairs. The By-Laws template should be reviewed by the 2nd meeting of the 2015-16 council to determine if any changes are required.
- School Administrators will be asked to complete a Survey Monkey stating that their Catholic Schools Council has completed and approved the provided By-Laws template.

2015 – 2016 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants

- A communication was sent out all Principals and Catholic School Councils regarding the 2015-2016 PRO grants. A Survey Monkey was attached that asked schools to identify if their Catholic School Council had applied for this grant and, if not, were asked to indicate how the CCCSC could provide assistance to encourage them to do so in the future.
- A CCCSC sub-committee will be formed in the 2015-2016 year that will investigate the successful PRO grant parent engagement activities that can be shared with Catholic School Councils through an on-line repository, create templates for these successful grants, and to look for ways to simplify the application process.
- Webinars could be used to inform Catholic School Councils of successful grants that other schools have carried out.
- It was suggested that a much larger impact would be made on parent engagement if the board, the schools and the Catholic School Councils worked in tandem when choosing the types of parent engagement events to promote.
- The Ministry has indicated that the grant applications that will get preferential approval are projects that increase access to and awareness of math strategies and resources for parents to support their children’s learning at home and at school.

Volunteer of the Year Award

- A communication was sent out to all Principals and Catholic School Councils regarding the CCCSC Volunteer of the Year Award and included the requirements and nomination forms. The deadline for submitting the packages is 4.00 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2015.
- In 2014 – 2015, the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year award was recognized at the June CCCSC Meeting and at the October Meeting of Catholic School Council Chairs. For the first time, all nominees were acknowledged and thanked for their invaluable contribution to Catholic Education. This practice will be continued.
- A sub-committee will be formed the review the nomination packages.

Parent Involvement Committees (Report by People for Education)

- Members of the CCCSC were encouraged to read the report. This report is a reflection of the responses from Boards across the province around a number of areas associated with

Parent Involvement Committees. Members who wish to discuss any aspects of the report are encouraged to submit it as an agenda item for a CCCSC meeting.

http://www.peopleforeducation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/PIC-Report-2015-WEB.pdf?utm_source=E-Newsletter&utm_campaign=ee04bc59b9-News_Feb_09_MWM_&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_422aeb3dbd-ee04bc59b9-7956413

Other Business

- As a result of changes to legislation brought about by the Child Care and Early Years Act, School Administrators have been advised not to use student or other volunteers to provide child minding services during parent engagement or any other events unless the person(s) providing the service has been through the proper vetting process.
3. *OAPCE Report – R. Quattro*
- OAPCE members joined the Catholic Trustees at a reception at Queens Park after their annual Lobby Day at which the trustees were given an opportunity to engage the ministers in a conversation about why Catholic Education and a separate school board is still as relevant as ever.
 - With the approach of conference season, OAPCE has a few Annual General Meetings and dinners to attend, including EOCCC, the CCC, and OASOA.
 - OAPCE received an invitation from John Malloy, the Assistance Deputy Minister of Education, to participate in a two-part in-depth conversation on Parent Engagement. The first conversation has taken place and the second will be held on April 10th. The Ministry is revisiting refurbishing as necessary and renewing areas around Parent Engagement. They are also looking for the usual feedback on what works and what does not, how to get parents involved, and inquired if OAPCE had any new resources or ideas that need support.
 - OAPCE was invited by the Ministry of Education to attend the implementation training sessions for the new Health and Physical Education curriculum. This curriculum, as it relates to the Catholic system, is still in the hands of the Bishops and OAPCE's official position is to wait for ACBO, ICE and the people tasked with delivering the curriculum through a Catholic lens to release it.
4. *SEAC Report – P. Olivieri*
- The READ & WRITE GOLD: Literacy Support Software for Home presentations are being offered at the CEC on the evenings of April 14th and April 16th, 2015.
 - The Resource Fair for Persons with Disabilities will be held on Wednesday, May 6th, 2015 from 11.00 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. at the Mississauga Convention Centre - admission is free.
5. *Diocesan Report – G. Ogundele*
- On behalf of the Catholic School Council Parish Representatives, G. Ogundele extended his thanks to the board for permitting the Parish Representatives to hold their meeting at the CEC. He also thanked M. Mazzorato and S. Peterson for attending the meeting.
 - Bishop Boissonneau was the guest speaker at the meeting that was attended by over 65 representatives. The updated roles and responsibilities of the Parish Representatives on Catholic School Councils were discussed at the meeting.

- The next meeting of the Catholic School Council Parish Representatives will be held on June 3, 2015 at the CEC.

6. *ACCESS DP Report – Nil*

7. *Family of Schools Reports – included in Agenda package*

D. Information/Committee Updates – G. Rodney

1. *Correspondence - Nil*

2. *CCCSC In-Service Committee*

The CCCSC Conference and Marketplace will take place on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at St. Joseph Secondary School. Parents who have not yet registered for the event are welcome to walk-in and register for a workshop and attend the Marketplace.

3. *Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Symposium*

G. Rodney and K. Foschia will be attending the annual PIC Symposium on April 24th and April 25th, 2015 on behalf of the CCCSC.

4. *Other Business*

- The number of parents and administrators who participated in all the webinars CCCSC has offered this year is very encouraging and seems to be an effective way to communicate with the parents without taking them away from their homes, especially as some of the webinars were scheduled during the evening.
- A concern was expressed regarding the difficulty most students experience in mathematics when transitioning from elementary school to secondary school. M. Mazzorato to bring the concern to the attention of the Program Department.
- The Catholic Schools Councils do not have their own tab on the school websites and it is difficult for parents to locate when looking for council updates. M. Mazzorato to bring the concern to the attention of the ICT Department.

E. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Presentation on Personal Electronic Devices - D. Finegan-Downey
- Presentation on the new Health and Physical Education Curriculum - S. Peterson

F. Closing Prayer

G. Meeting Adjourned at 8.30 p.m.

H. Future Meetings

Thursday, May 14, 2015

Thursday, June 11, 2015